

Sister's Spin

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As the Old Testament Readings are used at daily Mass these days, the story of Gideon is told. Gideon basically called himself a nobody when the Lord called him to defeat the Mideans. He even takes God to task for not helping to free the Israelites from their enemies, though he doesn't mention that the Israelites have failed to keep God's ways. However, God definitely wants Gideon to lead the fight so that God's glory can be seen. So, with only 300 well chosen men, Gideon does go into battle and defeats those who have enslaved the Israelites. What I love about this story is first of all, God's choice of Gideon--a simple person, not some great fighter or hero. Secondly, I love Gideon's taking God to task. Sometimes we all do that--Why doesn't God do this or that ? But God is so patient with us. And then, when Gideon finally does do all that God tells him, God is there to fight for and with him. That's how it is for us, too. God chooses simple people to do His most important work. Through all our protestations, God just waits and then He is there to fight for us, and through these simple people, God's glory shines. So, if you sometimes wonder, "Why me? I'm nobody special", know that God has chosen you and has a very important task for you, and will work through you to get it done!

-Sister Marcianne

